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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I am almost 70 and in a wheelchair. I also live on a very small amount of Social Security, less than 550.00 per month. I have a van that I can get my wheelchair into and that is the reason I bought a tracfone. Should I have a flat tire or be in an accident I know I can reach someone by using my phone.

By having my van and phone it gives me my independence as I live alone in a small, but adequate, handicapped apartment. This way I do not have to rely on others to attend Church, Dr. appointments as well as shopping. Please do not raise the price of my tracfone as I am just able to get by now and a raise of even \$ 1.00 a month would be a hardship on me. Thank you, {Mrs.} Marilyn. F. Rath

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

{Mrs.} Marilyn F. Rath
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members